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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIRING BIOLOGICAL TISSUE, SUCH AS A TENDON OR A LIGAMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE CALCANEAN TENDON	: Attorney Docket No.: : 062845-5050US : : :

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response replies to the non-final Office Action mailed November 25, 2009 and is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for extension of time, which extends the time period for reply to and through May 25, 2010.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.